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Students raise questions about fee allocations

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NEWS EDITOR

Following the recent controversy surrounding the UNO athletics budget, some students have begun to ask questions about how their student fees are being spent.

Their focus is on a perceived lack of student representation in the allocation of UPFF Fund B student fees. Money in the Fund B portion of the University Program and Facilities Fee goes to support campus recreation, the Milo Bail Student Center, Student Health Services, Student Organizations and Leadership Programs as well as athletics, among other fee recipients.

Student Senate Speaker Aaron Gilliland helped to get the ball rolling with a letter to the *Omaha World-Herald's* "Public Pulse" on Sept. 14, which was reprinted in full in the Sept. 26 edition of the *Gateway*.

Gilliland said he did not intend to accuse the administration of any wrongdoing, but believes there should "always be a standard to follow." He also said that a resolution he authored, which was passed by the Student Senate on April 6, calling for "all campus policies...to be made available through electronic means" was a "harbinger to what happened with Jim Buck."

Buck was the vice chancellor for administration until he resigned in August following reports that he had been using athletic department funds for perks such as travel expenses and a country club membership. Both Interim Chancellor John Christensen and NU President James B. Milliken have since said that no state money, including tuition and student fees, was involved in those expenditures.

In the past month, more than 100 students have joined a group on Facebook.com and several student government

Student government debate



photo by Patrick Doty

Gateway Editor in Chief Angi Sada moderated a debate between Logan Smith and Alexander Williams, as well as their running mates, on Friday. See pg. 2 for the story.

candidates have taken a stand calling for more student representation in University Program and Facilities Fee Fund B student fee allocation process.

Student fees are divided into two accounts, Fund A and Fund B, said Wade Robinson, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. Fund B is the larger amount, he said, and approximately 85 percent of it goes towards the salaries and benefits of staff in the areas supported by student fees.

Each student contributes \$9.60 per semester to Fund A, which supports the *Gateway*, student government and student programming. This money is then allocated by the

Student Activities Budget Commission, whose members are appointed by the Student Senate. SABC's recommendations are approved by the senate and sent to the chancellor for approval.

However, the remainder of the \$56.70 flat and \$10.50 per credit hour fees that UNO students pay each semester goes to Fund B, which has no direct student control.

"I handle Fund B and the SABC group does all the reviewing of Fund A," Robinson said. "The student input on Fund B is advisory."

Robinson said that each year he drafts a budget

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Students, community members react to citywide partial smoking ban

JORDAN PLAGMAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Omaha's smoking ban, in effect yesterday, will be a drag for some.

The smoking ban, proposed in early 2005, passed on a 6 to 1 vote by the Omaha City Council.

Council members claimed the ban's purpose is to protect employees and the public from harmful effects of second-hand smoke.

Any business serving food and alcohol throughout the city will be smoke-free, except for keno operators, stand-alone bars and Horseman's Park, which have a five-year grace period to become smoke-free, according to the ban's provisions.

Mayor Mike Fahey said he favored a complete ban on smoking, but the ban approved by the council was the best compromise. Fahey felt the partial ban eliminated the possibility of second-hand smoke in the majority of public places.

Crystal Cain, UNO junior, sees the ban as a positive effort to create a healthier environment for all.

"Look at all the statistics that say second-hand smoke is worse than first-hand," Cain said. "Those who don't smoke should be able to breathe clean air. I don't see anything wrong with the ban."

Starting yesterday, smokers ticketed by police will face \$100 fines for first offenses, \$200 fines for second offenses and \$500 fines for third offenses.

"The smoking ban is going to cost taxpayers more money," said David Davis, UNO freshman. "There will be more littering around the city, like what happened in the city of Lincoln. Lincoln spent thousands on new street sweepers."

Some neighborhood businesses, such as Travato's in Dundee, started the ban early. However, not every business owner thinks the ban is fair.

The Marleybone Tavern, located at 3710 Leavenworth Street, attempted to fight the ordinance, arguing it was unconstitutional to make some places smoke-free and not others.

Douglas County Judge John Hartigan rejected an appeal for an injunction from the owner of the tavern. The ban's opponents say more legal action is likely.



photo illustration by Michelle Bishop

A partial smoking ban went into effect across Omaha yesterday.

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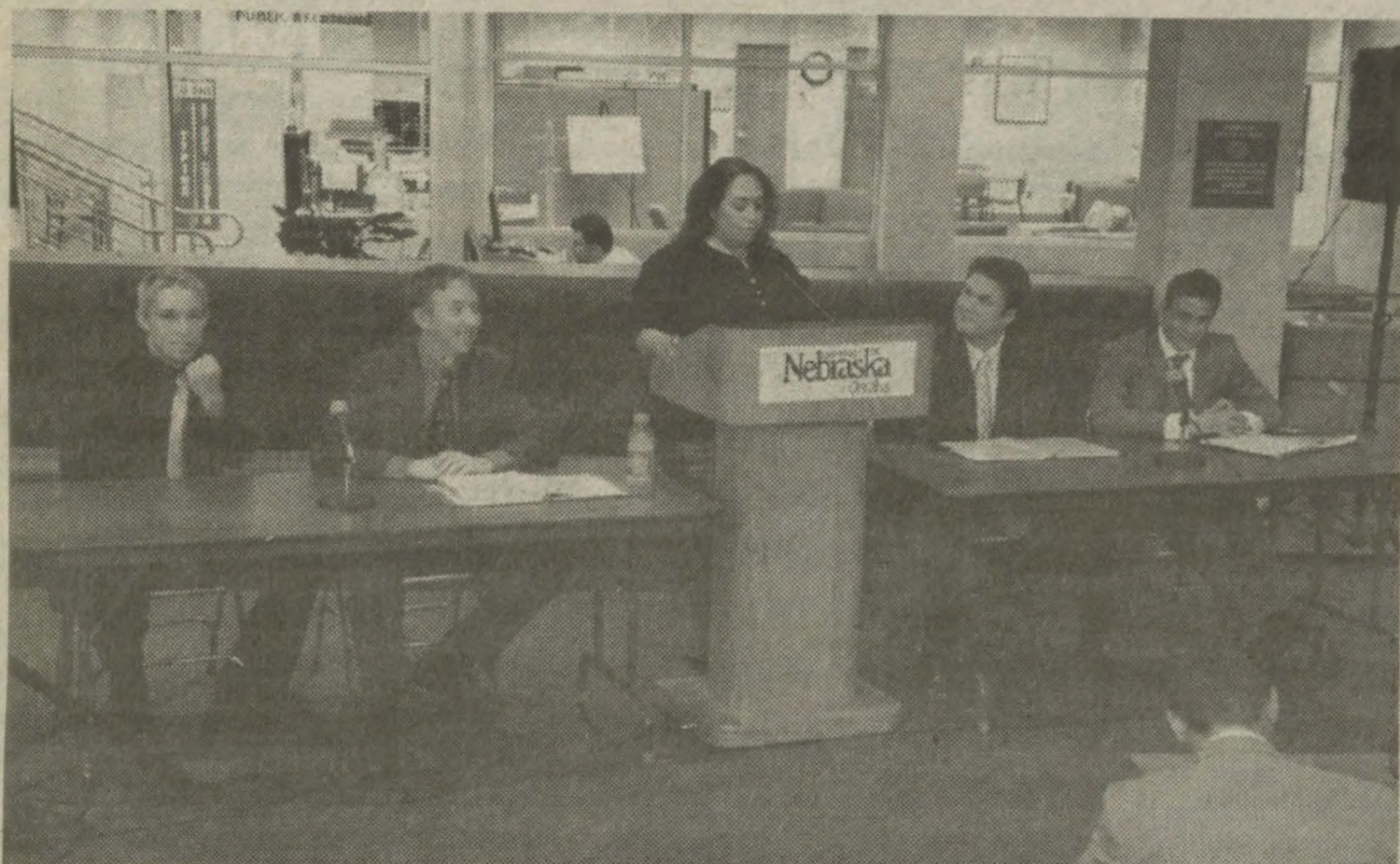


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Candidates were asked 15 questions ranging from open meetings requirements to student agency formation.

TAYLOR MULLER

ASST. NEWS AND SPORTS EDITOR

Student government presidential candidates and their running mates went

head-to-head in a debate hosted by the *Gateway* at 11 a.m. on Sept. 29. With the elections today, the candidates strove to highlight why they should be the student president/regent.

The debate was held in the fireside lounge of the student center and was moderated by the *Gateway's* Editor in Chief Angi Sada.

Logan Smith and his vice-presidential running mate Chris Beaudoin faced off against Alexander Williams and Michael White.

While the event was held to help raise

awareness regarding the elections, some of those involved felt that it was not as effective as it could have been.

"With such short notice, I think we did as good as we could do," Smith said. "The questions were pretty simple, it focused on the visibility of student government and it wasn't something that needed too much in-depth preparation to answer. It created a platform for us."

Williams also was confident about the outcome of the debate. He said he felt they had done well, both in responding to the questions and working on their public image and exposure.

"We were able to exemplify all the different guidelines and policies to validate our comments," Williams said. "I think that was something the other party was unable to do. I think it allowed us to come out on top."

While some students may have felt the questions were too simplistic, it gave the students a chance to hear the candidates speak, said elementary education major Emily DuPree.

"I think that the questions were not very controversial, so it didn't give anyone a chance to shine and show their individual stance, but it was good to hear how they present themselves in public," DuPree said.

Current Student President/Regent Steve Massara felt that the visibility of the event was minimized by multiple factors.

"One, the time it was scheduled at; and two, perhaps the most important, it was too informal," Massara said. "I believe, last year, Crystal [Reid] did a great job. Angi does a good job of facilitating, but I imagine the candidates were expecting something more formalized."

The format of the debate was done so it

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News You Can Use

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STAFF WRITER

UNO Bell Tower Challenge set for Oct. 18

For the past 12 years, the Bell Tower Challenge has taken place at UNO. Teams compete to stack as many cans of food as possible. The event is set to take place Wednesday, Oct. 18 under the Heningson Memorial Campanile Bell Tower.

The cans are donated to the Omaha Food Bank after the completion of the challenge. Over the years, 33,000 pounds of food have been donated from this event.

"We would love to set a new record this year," said David Corbin, event founder and a professor in the UNO School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. "That means we need to collect more than 5,700 pounds of food."

Teams can still register for this event. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 13 at noon. Visit unomaha.edu/healthed to register.

Movie screening on Oct. 6

There will be a screening of *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada* on Friday, Oct. 6. This event is the first of the Charla Series. The screening will be held in the Eppley Administration Building Auditorium at 6 p.m.

After the screening, Steven Torres, an assistant professor of foreign language and literature at UNO, will host a discussion.

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada stars Tommy Lee Jones and follows the journey of Pete Perkins to bury his deceased best friend in Mexico.

Library celebrates new addition

With the completion of the library addition, there are several activities to celebrate. More than 600,000 people visit the library each year, and these events celebrate the addition to the building.

Following the completion of construction, UNO will host several activities to celebrate the new addition to the University Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Dedication Ceremony, library main floor, 11 a.m.
Yellow Barn press exhibit opening, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12

"Tours and Technology Day"
UNO Library Friends and UNO Child Care Center reception, 2 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13

"Student Appreciation Day"
Free lunch at the library cafe, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Class of 1956 alumni tour, 1 p.m.
Community appreciation event, 3 to 6 p.m.

Workshops available through writing center

Several workshops will be held through the UNO Writing Center in October. The workshops are free and everyone is invited to participate. Workshops will be held in room 150 of Arts and Sciences.

The next workshop, *Rein In Runaway Sentences: Comma Splices, Run-on Sentences and Fragments* will take place tomorrow, Oct. 4, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Discover the treasure of your health

Student Health Services will host a health fair on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fair will include free screenings as well as more than 30 vendors

and prizes.

Comprehensive blood screens cost \$22 and require a 12-hour fast. Men's prostate cancer screen costs an additional \$12. Pre-register for this event at Student Health Services, located in the Milo Bail Student Center.

Songwriting competition seeks participants

The International Songwriting Competition is seeking participants to enter original songs. The deadline is Oct. 16. The contest is open to amateur and professional songwriters, musicians and artists.

There will be more than 50 winners who receive more than \$150,000 in cash as prizes. The grand-prize winner will receive \$25,000 cash, as well as \$20,000 in prizes.

Judges of the competition include Brian Wilson, Tom Waits, Craig Morgan, Cassandra Wilson and many other talented artists.

Enter at songwritingcompetition.com. Call (615) 251-4441 for more information.

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For The Record

In the Sept. 22 edition, Rita Henry was misidentified as the vice chancellor for academic affairs. She is actually the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

In the Sept. 26 edition, members of Lambda Theta Nu sorority were identified in a photo caption as members of the fraternity Sigma Lambda Beta.

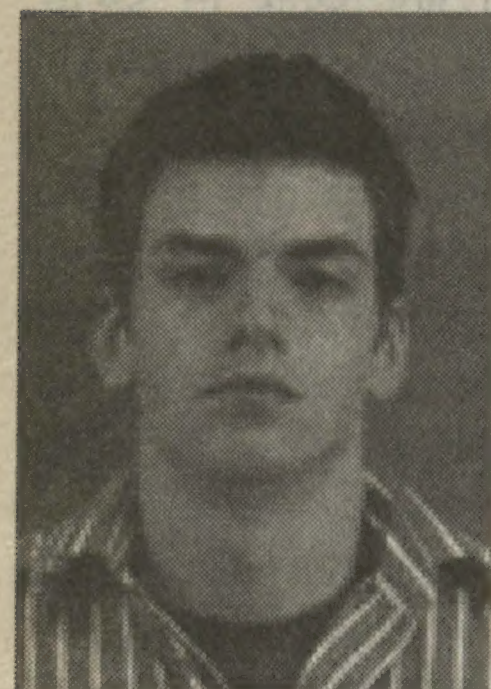
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Defense moves to dismiss in on-going trial for missing sophomore



Christopher Edwards

TAYLOR MULLER
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Even with the trial months away, multiple motions have been filed recently in a case of an Omaha man who allegedly murdered a UNO sophomore.

The fact that a body has not been located is now in court records, and a motion to dismiss the case was filed.

Christopher Edwards awaits trial without bond in the Douglas County Department of Corrections. He has been accused of murdering UNO student Jessica O'Grady with a pair of Bangkok battle swords found in his home and is charged with second-degree murder.

Family and close friends of O'Grady claim she was pregnant at the time of her disappearance, but investigators have been unable to confirm her pregnancy.

The prosecution said that while no body has been found, blood evidence indicates O'Grady was murdered.

Matthew Higgins, one of Edwards' defense attorneys, said he met with Edwards on Sept. 28. His spirits were high and he still maintained his innocence.

Edwards' defense team filed a motion asking for the autopsy report, with the reasoning that the court's records now state that no body has been found, Higgins said.

"We asked for the report as a piece of stipulated evidence, before the judge, that a body has not been found," Higgins said. "The only things that a judge can

acknowledge as true have to be on the record."

The prosecution was not surprised by this move and were aware of the motion, said Matthew Kuhse, one of the county prosecutors working on the case.

Kuhse acknowledged that with no body, it would be difficult to prove a murder took place, but believes the blood evidence collected at Edwards' house is enough.

"Here in Omaha, Douglas County, I'm not aware that there has been a successful murder trial without a body," Kuhse said. "As far as I can remember, I don't recall there ever being one. I know there have been in other states."

Higgins said he has filed a motion to have the case dismissed based on the fact that no body has been produced.

"We wanted to file a motion to dismiss the case," Higgins said. "The main facts for our dismissal: there is no body. An element of murder is the [victims] need to die. It sounds like such a strangely simple thing to say, but you can't have a trial for murder without a murder taking place."

Kuhse said the trial was still set for Dec. 4, and he did not believe the case would be dismissed before then.

"But if there's some motion that they craft that raises an issue, that's something we'll have to take up with the judge at that time," Kuhse said.

The pre-trial hearing was scheduled for yesterday. At the time of this report both the defense and the prosecution were preparing for the appearance. Please see the Oct. 6 issue of the Gateway for continued coverage.

Elections begin today on student regent race, GLBTQIA agency

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Voting begins today for student regent, the formation of a gay and lesbian student agency as well as the establishment of a campus-wide smoking ban.

The polls are open today from 6 a.m. to midnight and tomorrow from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Students will vote using electronic ballots to save time, increase accuracy and decrease chances of human error," said Josh Wiechman, the student elections commissioner. "Electronic ballots make it convenient for students to vote anywhere, even if they're not on campus. Three computers will be set up in the SPO office in the student center for voting. Students should feel free to vote from home, class, work, etc. if they like."

The questions on the ballot will pertain to financial support of the Gateway, student government and student programming. These questions are required for the Board of Regents. Public opinion questions include the formation of a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and ally student agency as well as three questions about a possible campus smoking ban.

Students also vote on their representatives in student government and on the Board of Regents. The regents set the stipulations for students running for office.

Student body election campaigns started in early September. Packets and campaign applications were sent out around the different colleges

for students interested in running. Students who wish to run for office must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and must be enrolled in at least six credit hours.

"Almost anyone can run for office if they have the grades," Wiechman said. "However, if you're running for the president or regent position you're required to get signatures from at least 50 students."

Thirty-two senate positions are open all based on a student's college or grade level. In the beginning of an election campaign process, the election commission goes through and determines how many seats go to each college based on enrollment.

Each class, freshman to senior, gets equal representation, too.

Electric boards, the Gateway, word of mouth, handbills, fliers and banners are the media being used to encourage students to get out and vote.

This year Facebook.com is also being used to raise awareness of the election through closed personal groups by existing members or through requests to join.

"Our goal is to get 2,500 students out to the polls this year," said Latavia Adams, legislative and public relations officer for student government.

Last year, only 946 students voted in the election. The year before saw only slightly more, with 1,152 ballots cast.

"It's a small percentage of the student body who votes, but every year we try encourage more students to get out and vote," Wiechman said.

Attention UNO Students

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It is the responsibility of each student to know the tuition payment schedule, the late payment fee policy and the refund policy and deadlines.

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Theta Chi
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Delta Sigma Theta
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Society of Professional Journalists
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recommendation based on factors like the recommended state salary adjustments, increases in the cost of insurance and other benefits as well as operating expense increases. He then takes this recommendation to SABC, Student Senate and Student Leadership Council, an "ad hoc group of students" appointed by the vice chancellor's office.

"Since I've been in the role, there hasn't really been any question," Robinson said, adding that he believed students support the budget allocations he makes each year.

Student Government Vice President James Hulstein said that he and President/Regent Steve Massara plan to meet with Robinson later this month to discuss increasing student say in the process.

"We want to see some kind of committee or a commission," Hulstein said. "We think [Robinson] is going to be very receptive to us."

Hulstein went on to say that he

felt that students deserved a vote in the "sliver" of Fund B allocations that does not involve staff salaries and benefits. Student government is also considering making yearlong appointments to SABC or involving someone like the executive treasurer in the decision process.

Voting privileges seems to be the bone of contention between student government and the UNO administration.

Robinson said he is "totally open" to increased student involvement in an advisory situation, but thinks it's important for him to maintain final say in the budget proposal.

However, one thing that both Robinson and student government agreed on is their concern over candidates using Fund B allocation as part of their platform for this week's student elections.

"I'd prefer [candidates] to be careful," Hulstein said. "I hope that they're sitting down and looking at the numbers."

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would not become a platform to attack their opponents, said Sada.

"I also didn't want it to be an extended Lincoln-Douglas style debate because we didn't have time for that. One of the candidates had class at noon, and far be it for the *Gateway* to keep anybody from accomplishing their educational objectives," said Sada.

One of the issues that came up during the debate was the influence greek society might have on student government.

Smith, who is not part of the greek community, has been pushing that as one of his campaign points.

"The whole cornerstone of what we're trying to do is an equal representation on student government," Smith said. "Less than 10 percent of the students are in greek society, but they make up the vast majority of student government. There needs to be a

parity and fair representation."

During the debate Smith made a comment directed at the greek community that some students reacted to negatively.

"Smith made a comment kind of degrading to the greek system, and I'm pretty sure that most of the audience was part of the greek system," DuPree said. "I'm not just going to vote because of greek. I think the best candidate should be the one; anyone who votes just because they are greek is a foolish choice."

And when the debate was over and the dust had settled, it was then up to those in the audience, and the rest of the student body, to choose who they would vote for.

"It was a chance to see how real either one of the candidates could be," said Sada. "And hopefully people, the few people that were there, saw what they needed to see to make an educated decision."



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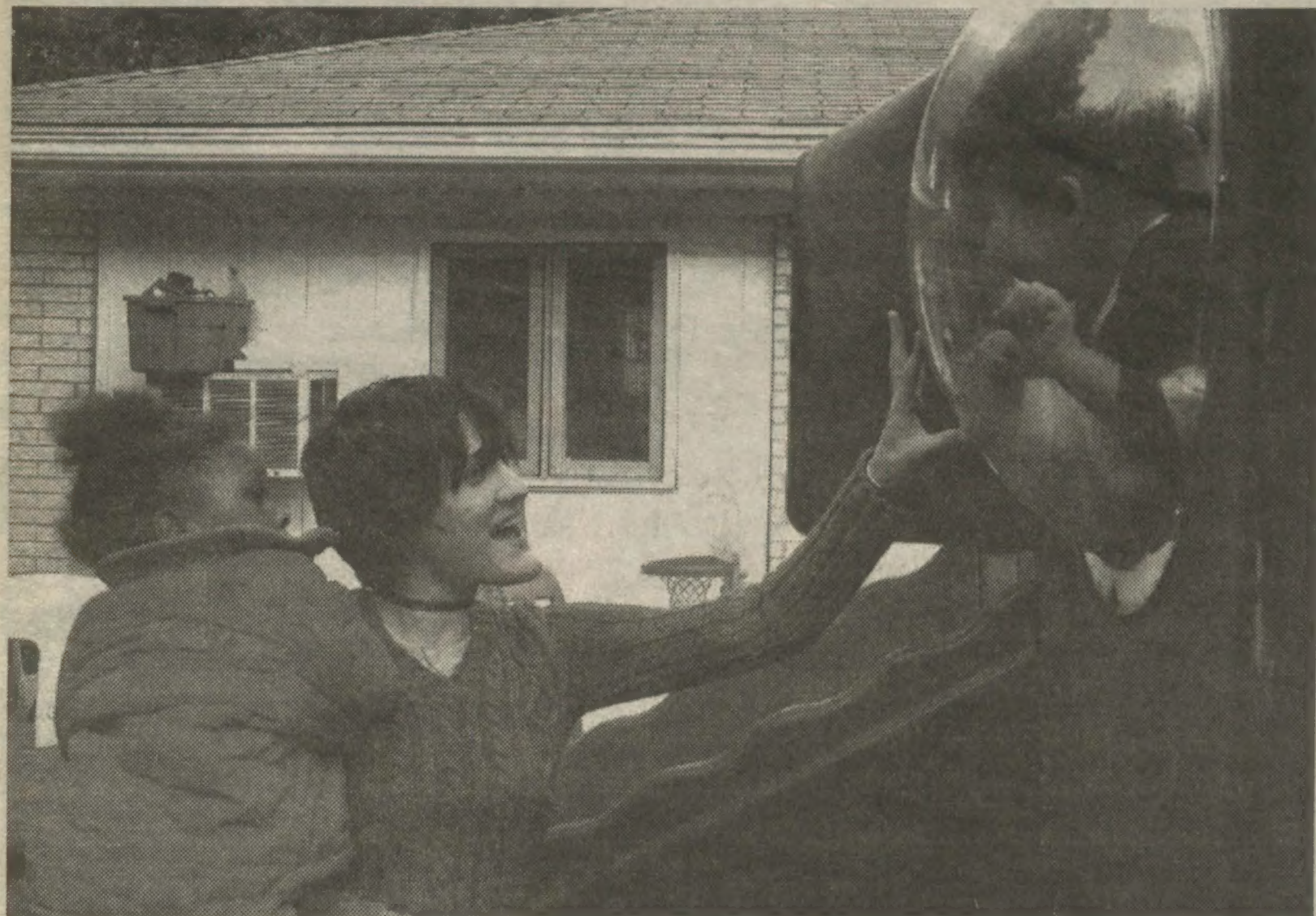
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Young enrollees get care, education at UNO Child Care Center



UNO sophomore Kristalynn Busskohl is a transition-level child care provider at the UNO Child Care Center.

CHARLEY REED
ASST. A&L/PEOPLE EDITOR

Walking through the UNO Child Care Center (UNOCCC), the voices of dozens of children bounce off the walls. The smell of recently cleaned off tables is palpable as you see plastic cots lining one side of the wall and coat hooks on the other. You head downstairs and see rooms with walls covered in drawings, board games stacked up on the floor and posters depicting the life cycles of several different animals.

As you take in the sights, the smells and the sounds around you, there is a distinct sense that this center is unique. In fact, UNOCCC Director Dawn Hove will tell you so herself.

"We are not the typical day care," Hove said. "We don't like that word, we don't use that word; I wish we could make a change."

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the UNOCCC sits between the Alumni Center and landscaping services buildings on the far west side of North Campus. Converted from a house, thanks to a 1986 student government initiative, the center serves as a child care and education provider for children of UNO students, faculty, staff and alumni. Hove prefers to emphasize the "education" part.

"I usually just tell people that we're educating UNO's youngest students," she said. "We start educating as young as 18 months. As soon as they start, we start educating them and build on that as they go through the program, and by the time they get to Preschool 2 they are getting ready to go in to kindergarten."

"Preschool 2" is one of six age groups that UNOCCC provides. They have two toddler-aged sections (18 to 24 and 24 to 30 months), a transition section (2-1/2 to 3-1/2 years), two preschool sections (3-1/2 to 4 and 4 to 5 years) as well as a school-age program during the summer (5 to 12 years). Each age group has a head teacher who constructs lesson plans and the rest of the staff is made up of UNO students.

"In any one given semester I can have anywhere from 30 to 50 employees on the payroll," Hove said. "They range in experience. They can range in what

field of study they're in. We have people obviously from the education department; inside the education department are several different types of professions. Then you have your Arts and Sciences categories, people in computers, in athletics, people from the athletic department. We do have a lot of different types of students; international students, too, that work here."

More than just the normal definition of education, Hove explained that the UNOCCC offers other things children need to know before entering school that other programs may not provide.

"Play is a very important part of the program, especially at the 18 [month] to 3-year-olds because they need to socialize and get along," she said. "That's a huge portion of being ready for kindergarten is to be able to socialize because if you're academically ready, but if your social skills aren't there, then you're not going to be able to succeed."

Hove takes personal pride in the synergy that the UNOCCC has with the campus. Parents are able to make suggestions and are open to visit their child at any time during the day. The children are also taken through the campus to interact with their surroundings and to be interacted with.

"I take pride in the evolvement of who we are on campus is concerned," she said. "Getting the campus more geared to who we are and what we do. We provide services for the faculty to be here, we provide services for the staff to be here, but in the same sense we also provide services for the professors to be able to utilize us for students to observe."

Hove listed off numerous changes the center has undergone in the past several years. Whether it is a separate transition playground, the installation of mounted flat-screen televisions or an embracement of new technologies, everything has helped the UNOCCC distance itself as a childcare provider. However, despite the strides the UNOCCC has taken over the last two decades, Hove says there is still a lot to be done.

"We've been here for 20 years and there are still people out there somewhere that do not know that we exist," she said. "We're still working on that."

UNOCCC's enrollment information and upcoming events can be found at mbc.unomaha.edu/child.php. For more information, contact Dawn Hove at 554.3398.

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Women's Resource Center offers students support, information

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The UNO Women's Resource Center (WRC) was founded in 1973 and is a non-profit, student-run organization that primarily deals with women's needs on campus.

It functions through the use of educational programs, community referrals and support from other UNO students.

The center grew out of a strong need by a group of women to translate some of the ideas of the women's movement into action, and to have a place for UNO women to have a space of their own on campus. A place that would be open to all women and men regardless of color, age, financial status, social status, sexual preference and sexual orientation.

"I think that it is a great place for women to get advice about problems and get the help they need in order to make themselves safer and better overall," said freshman Anna-Maria Hansmann.

The program offers education through brochures covering many different topics, such as counseling services, rape, teen parenting, pregnancy, adoption, eating disorders, homosexuality and sexually transmitted diseases. The center also provides students with free condoms to promote safe sex.

Also found in the WRC is a small library that catalogs diverse publications related to women's issues, covering topics such as history, art, spirituality, feminism, love, family, relationships and health. Magazines such as "Curve," "O Magazine," "Body & Soul," "Bust," "Ms." and "Mother Jones" can also be found in the center's library. Students are encouraged to

use the library and check out books if necessary.

When students visit the center for advice, members of the center will listen, but they also want to make sure students get the professional help that they deserve.

"That's what makes it worthwhile," said WRC Director Tumelo Gobagoba. "When you meet with someone, follow up with them and know that they are doing better."

The referral system makes it easy for students to find such professionals. Students can come into the WRC and the center will work with the UNO Health Services and counseling to find contact information for outside counseling. The center also goes as far as setting up the appointment for the student so that all they have to do is attend.

Although the WRC is primarily based on the needs for UNO women, the center also offers support for men.

"The males come in, but not as much as I would like to see, but mainly because they are looking for condoms, and then are afraid because the name says WRC and does not include them," Gobagoba said.

The center can provide men with support as well, through educational brochures, books and counseling services. Information on the prevention and treatment of various STDs are available, including hotline numbers and organizations that address issues pertaining to STDs.

Along with a free screening of *North Country*, the center is also hosting a table at Thursday's health fair. The WRC will show *Enough* at the Eppley Auditorium on Oct. 20, and host an AIDS Awareness Day in the Nebraska Room of MBSC on Nov. 20.



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The Women's Resource Center provides a safe haven for men and women alike. The center is located in the Milo Bail Student Center.

A College Girl Named Joe

by Aaron Warner



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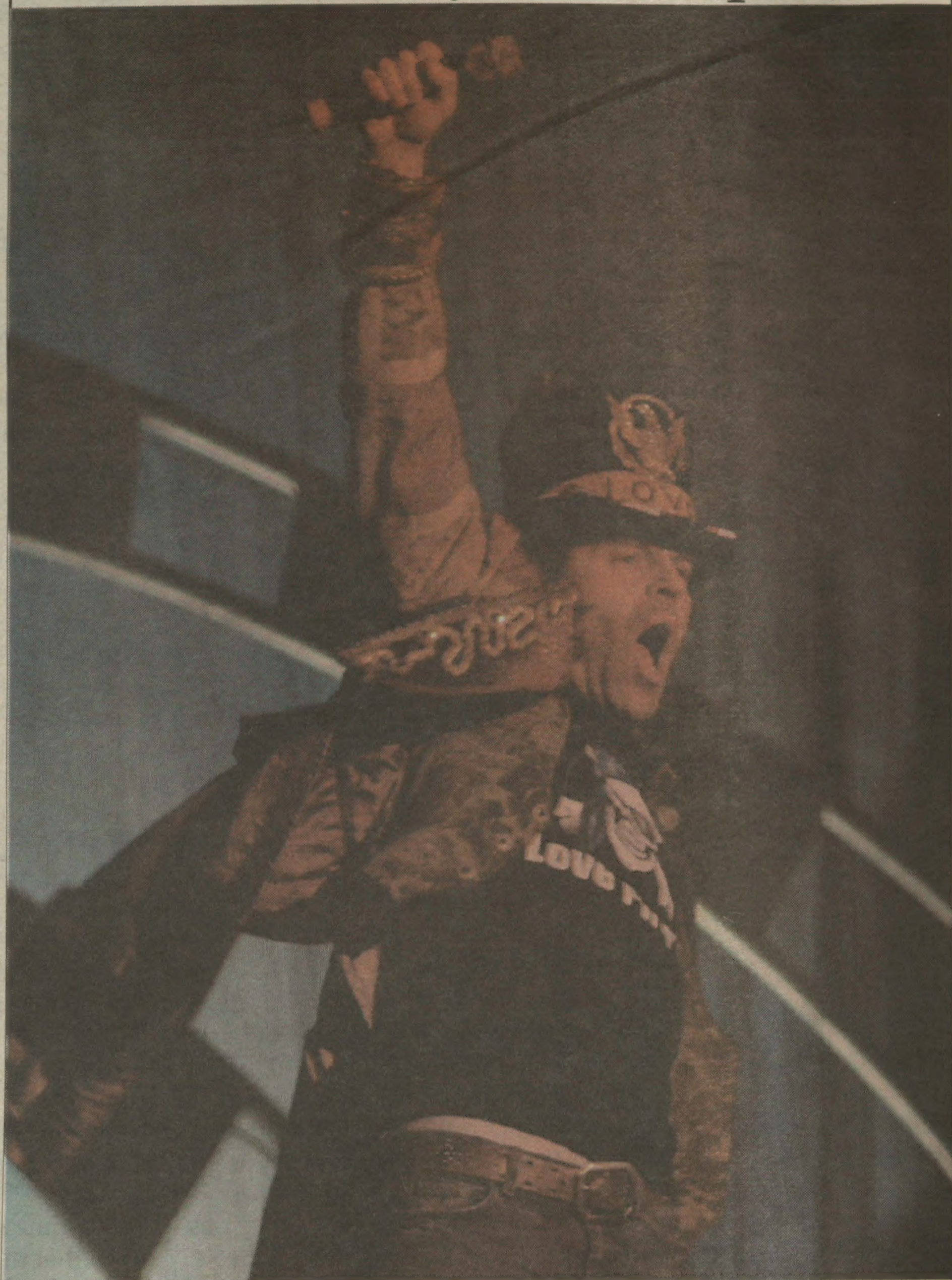


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Big Kenny of Big & Rich gets the crowd pumped up before their concert Friday at the Qwest Center Omaha.

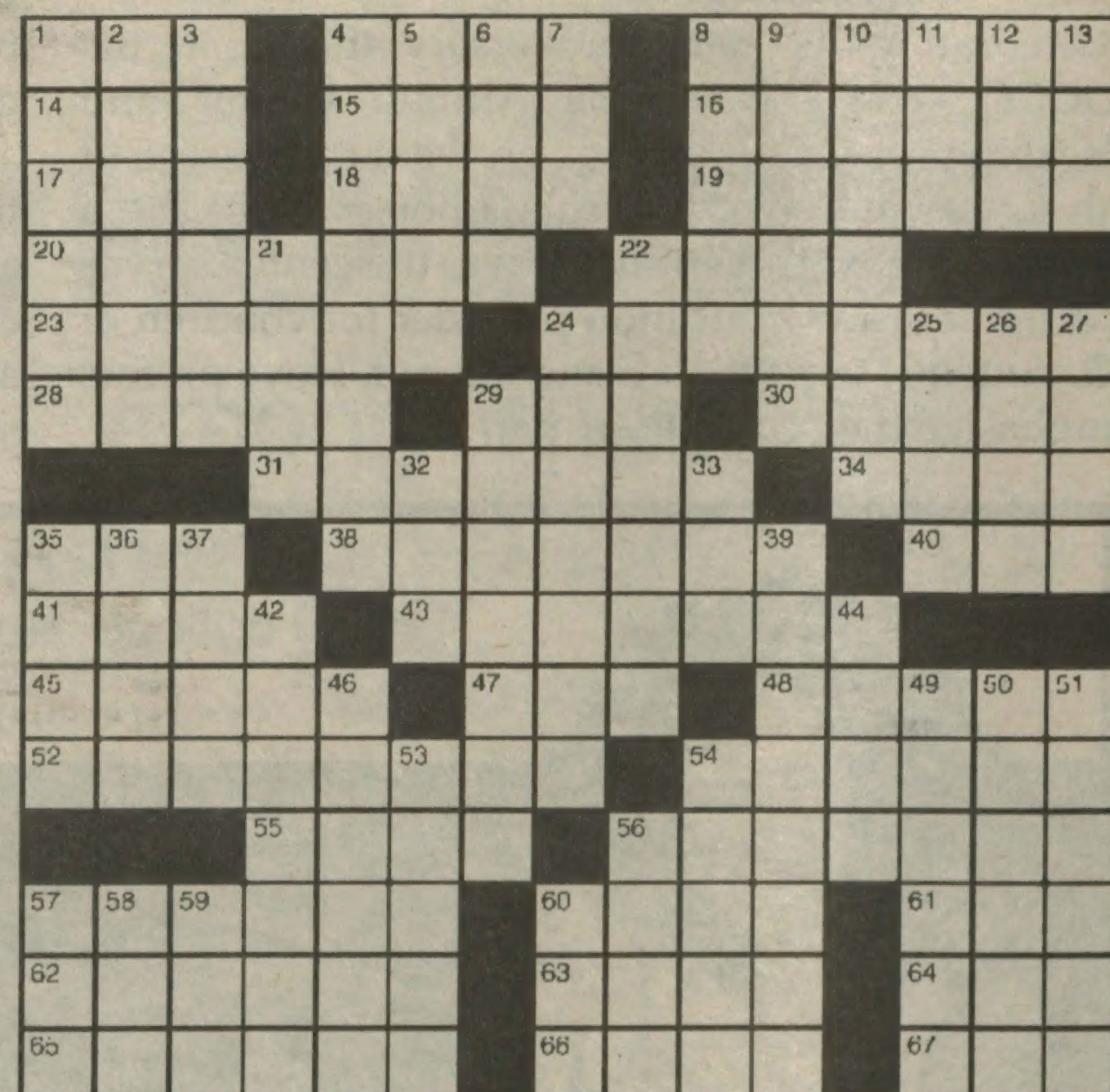
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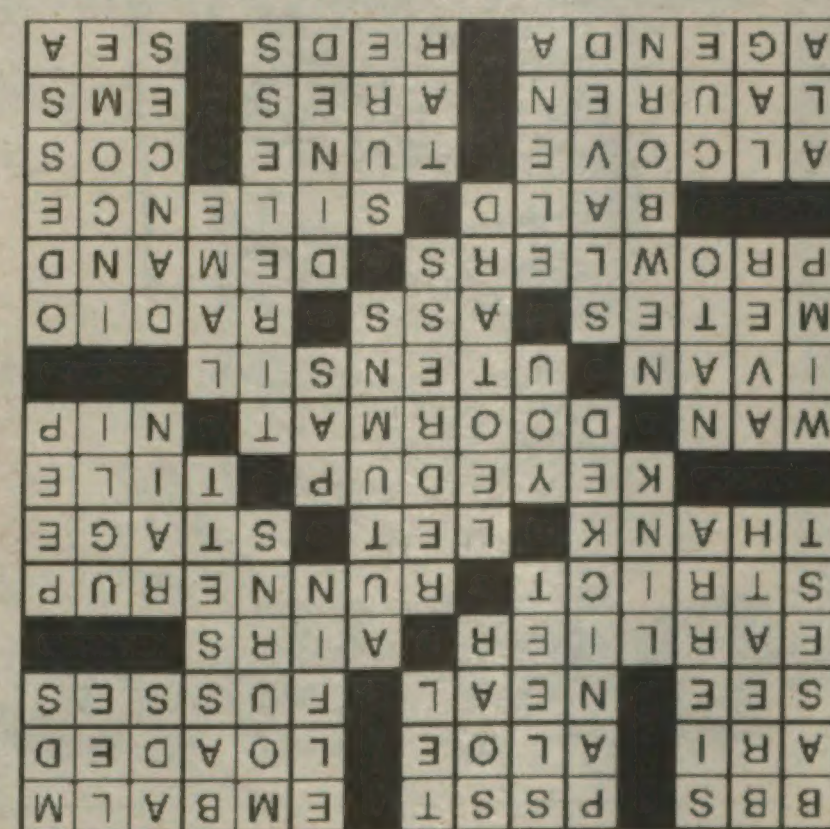
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Theta Chis, Sigma Kappas bring music to campus, aide to Iowa shelter

CHARLEY REED
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This past Saturday, UNO had its very own "Live 8" performance.

Outside of the Milo Bail Student Center, an 8-band show, appropriately titled "Rockfest," was the main attraction. The event was co-sponsored by the greek societies Theta Chi and Sigma Kappa and featured a wide array of Omaha bands, all performing to raise money for the Catherine McAuley Center, a women's shelter in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Sophomore Kapree Walton spearheaded the event. He said he wanted to bring rock music to campus, something he didn't feel was being offered.

"We just wanted to do the concert, but then we thought it'd be good to do it as a fundraiser for the McAuley Center," Walton said.

The bands on the bill ranged in style from grunge rock to electronica and beyond, but the differences in styles helped make for an entertaining show, even if it wasn't planned.

Junior Hai-Yen Hoang, a member of Theta Chi who was there to support his fraternity, enjoyed the variation. "I liked the different kinds of music we had," he said. "Like 49 Cents. Their drummer didn't show up so they did an acoustic set. Their set was the one I felt I had to stop and listen to the most."

The bands played for small audiences, each one never reaching more than 100 people. Their efforts didn't surprise Walton who was pleased with their performances.

"They're such nice people to work with and a lot of them are willing to try and fix their schedule up so that they can play," he said. "You can see they're really dedicated to their music."

The opening band, One Way, featured Maximillian Henscheid, a UNO sophomore and Theta Chi member. Henscheid enjoyed being given the opportunity to play at the show.

"I felt there could have been more people, but being the first band we didn't expect there to be as many people there to begin with," he said. "I think we did all right." The biggest hurdles didn't come during the show, but in the planning stages, trying to coordinate the show within the rules and guidelines at UNO.

"The original idea was to have it on the parking structure because our original idea was to

try and price the event," Walton said. "We booked the parking structure and it got double booked with somebody else so they wouldn't let us do it. It was horrible."

However, it was the hidden costs that really caused problems. "The price for security was just terrible. A \$1200 payment for cops just to stand around; it's just outrageous," Walton said. "We had to go to so many sponsors. We maybe got two or three sponsors and maybe

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Brett Navin and Ryan Curtis, UNO students and members of band 49 Cents, perform at UNO Rockfest.

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UNOtaku group members revel in obsessive fandom over anime

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It's the punk-rock groupie chick you want to slap silly as she thrusts herself toward your friend who happens to be in band. It's the boy who wears the shirt of the band he's seeing to the show. It's the kid that you just know has the 20-sided die in his pocket. Fan girl, fan boy, geek. These are all slang terms well-known to be less than complimentary.

What some people fail to see is there are those who revel in their rabid obsession. Those who can, poke fun at themselves while having a good time. When it comes to "anime geeks," some of those people are right here on campus. They've come together as UNOtaku, and they celebrate anime as both entertainment and art.

"The word 'Otaku' originated in Japan, where it carries a slightly

negative, nerdy connotation, but we don't mind," said Rachel Samson, UNOtaku president and sophomore theater performance major.

Samson attended meetings of UNL's otaku club with her sister. After talking with some friends, the desire to start a club on her own campus took shape. Last spring, Samson, along with two friends, met with the University, filled out the requisite paperwork and UNOtaku was born.

Many otaku fans use the once-negative term in a humorous way, and are accepting of their place in obsessive fan society. More so, they are attempting to reclaim the term and wash away the negativity by giving themselves a proud, positive spin.

Each Thursday evening, the group comes together in the Gallery Room of the Milo Bail Student Center and talks about movies. Members discuss

movies they'd like to see, vote on them and get them scheduled. They have discussions about the different series, what they think of them and possible interpretations. By attending meetings, fans are given a cost-effective way to check out new series and films, with little out-of-pocket cost. Selections come from the collections of the members, and vary as widely as personal tastes allow.

"Everyone brings their own collections of anime and it doesn't cost us anything to view them," Samson said. "UNOtaku don't bother with dues or money; it's completely free."

The club's membership has been growing exponentially. Last spring, during their first meetings, attendance could be counted on one hand. Samson reports recent meeting attendance numbering in the mid-20s.

"The last meeting we had around

23 or four, which is about 19 more people than any meeting last year," Samson said.

As for the future, UNOtaku is already thinking about expansion. As the group's numbers grow, Samson would like to help publicize area anime events. She is also hoping to collaborate with the Lincoln otaku group for future events similar to their annual anime convention, Nebraskon.

One thing Samson likes to stress is the low-key aspect of the group. In addition to being free, there's no membership process. Just walk in, say hello and watch a show. She urges the curious to come to a meeting and see if it's for them.

UNOtaku meets every Thursday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Gallery Room of MBSC. However, unofficially, the gathering starts as early as 7 p.m.

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someone donated some money."

Henscheid said that the show was successful regardless of those problems. "I think it was a really, really good show," he said. "I think we could have had more people but we raised money for the McAuley Center; that was the point."

Theta Chi is already planning to hold Rockfest annually. After the show, the members expressed that they were happy to have the experiences, good and bad.

"Doing the show helped show us what we need to do or don't need to do next year," Hoang said. "Next year's Rockfest will be bigger

and better," Henscheid said. "Rockfest 2007: greatest show ever."

Walton wasn't willing to make any solid predictions about the future of the event. However, he encouraged those who didn't come out on Saturday to take advantage of other on-campus events if they can.

"People aren't really coming out to events anymore," he said. "I think they should because it's a chance for students that are stressing out about homework where they can come out and they can relax at like a concert. [They] come out and meet new people and enjoy the music. And they can see that there are fun things on campus."

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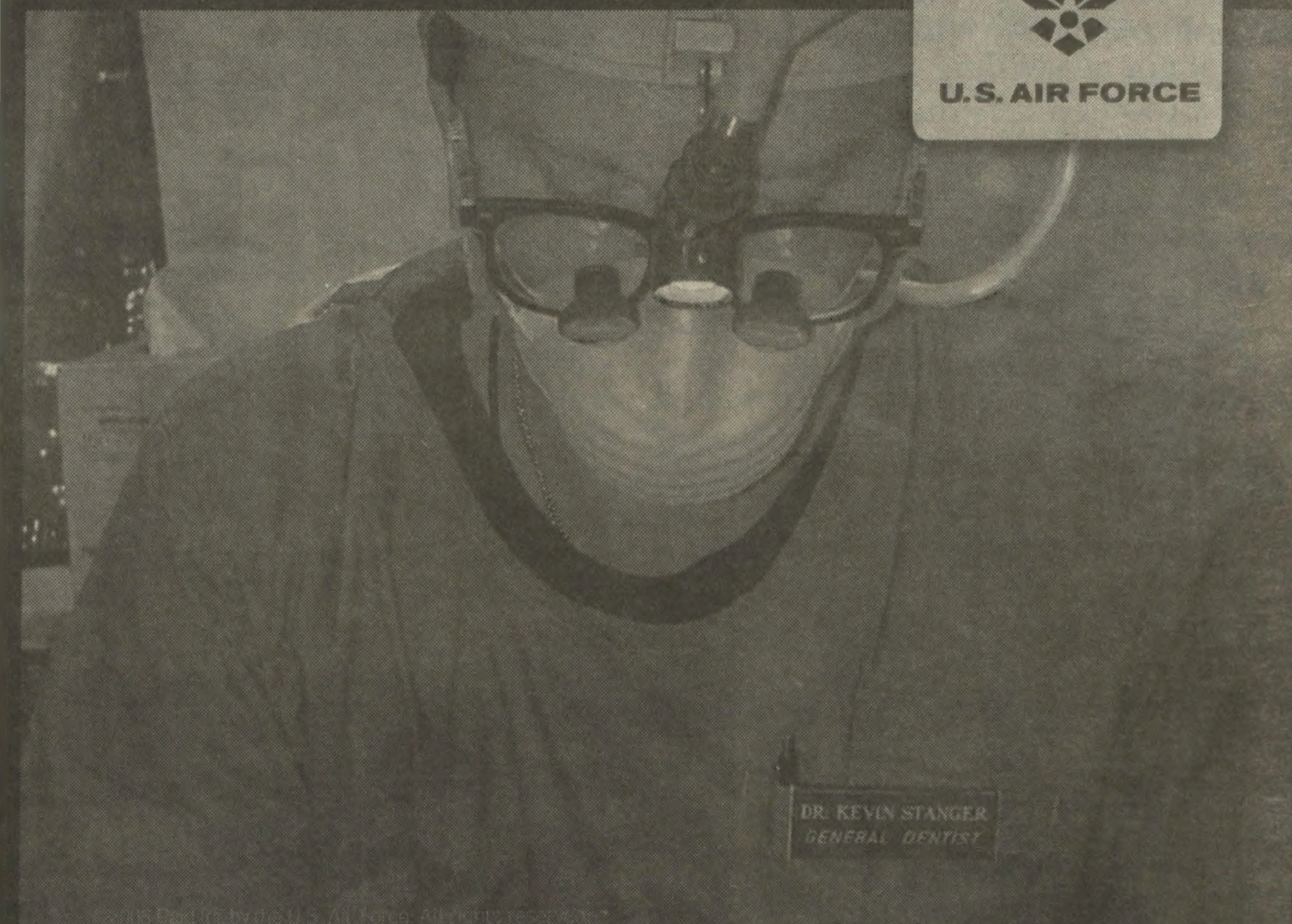
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Ali Portell controls the ball amid a throng of St. Cloud State defenders. The UNO defense held St. Cloud to zero total shots for the game.

Defense keeps net sacred, pushes No. 1 Mavs to win over St. Cloud

PATRICK DOTY

ASST. PHOTO EDITOR/LINE EDITOR

The soccer team once again defended its undefeated status with a 2-0 win over St. Cloud State Saturday afternoon at Ak-Sar-Ben Field, moving the top-ranked Mavericks to 11-0 on the year and 5-0 in North Central Conference play.

The shut-out was the Mav's fifth in a row and ninth of the season. The defense has given up only two goals on the year.

Coming off his 18th straight victory dating back to last season, Coach Don Klosterman was optimistic about the win and the remainder of the season.

"I felt today was one of our best games," Klosterman said. "The way we attacked, the way we defended, it's all the things we've been working on. I didn't have a whole lot to tell them at halftime, they were playing so well."

Casey Bigsby snuck the ball past Elizabeth Kelly, SCSU's goalie and NCC

defensive player of the week, off an assist from Whitney Hill to give the Mavs an early lead at the 11:13 mark of the first half. Beth McGill followed at the 37:48 mark, scoring off a free kick pass from Whitney Telschaw.

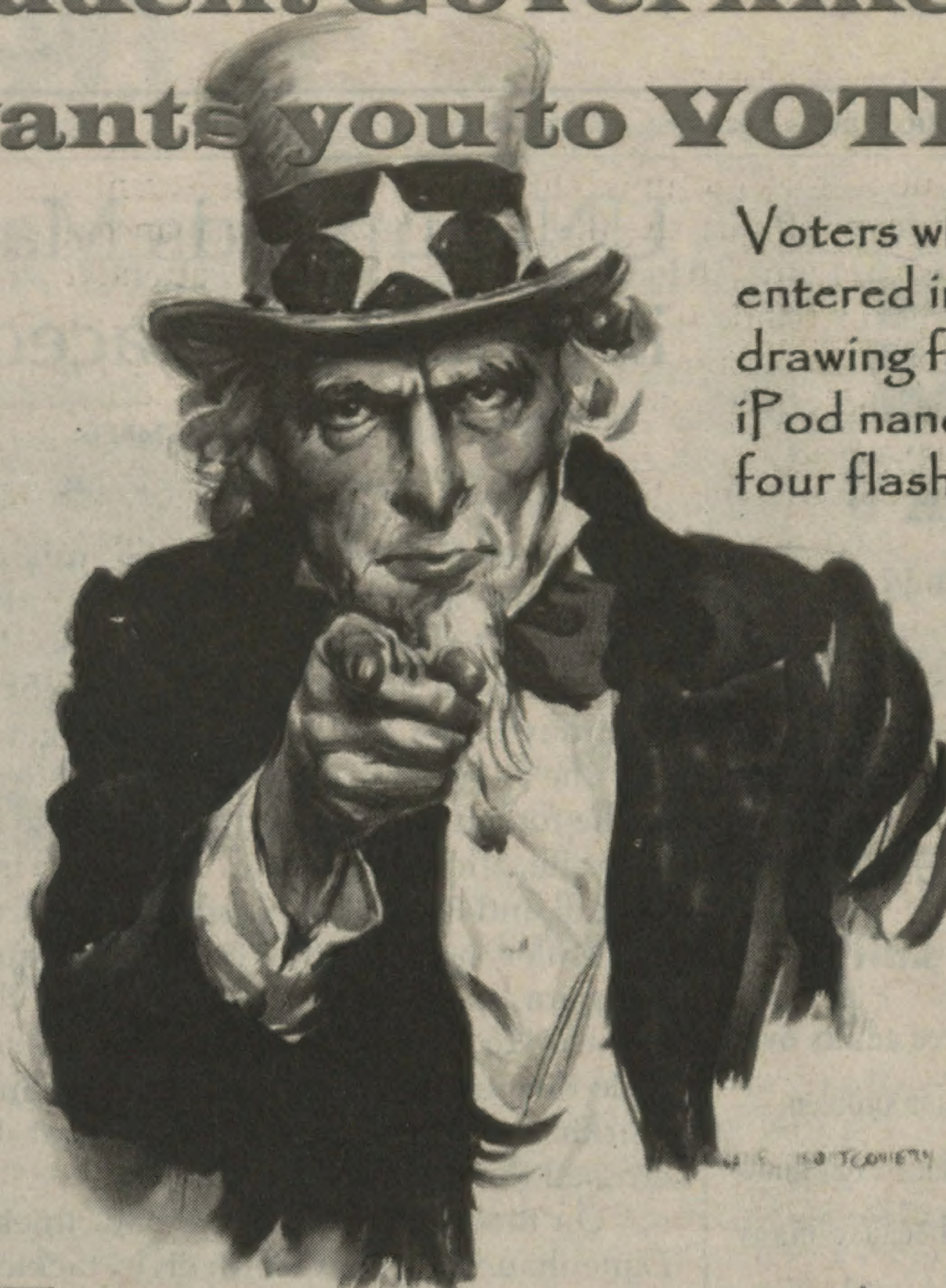
SCSU's offense was stifled by the Mav's defense, as they were held to zero total shots compared to UNO's 26 shots and 12 shots on the goal.

Klosterman said that although everyone had an exceptional game, one player that stuck out was sophomore mid-fielder Tara Wegehaupt.

"I hurt my knee a little bit Wednesday, so I was trying to get back into it," Wegehaupt said. "But it was pretty good, everyone played very well all around."

League play continues Friday at Ak-Sar-Ben Field against NCC bottom-ranked Augustana at 4 p.m. UNO then goes on the road to face No. 2 South Dakota on Sunday.

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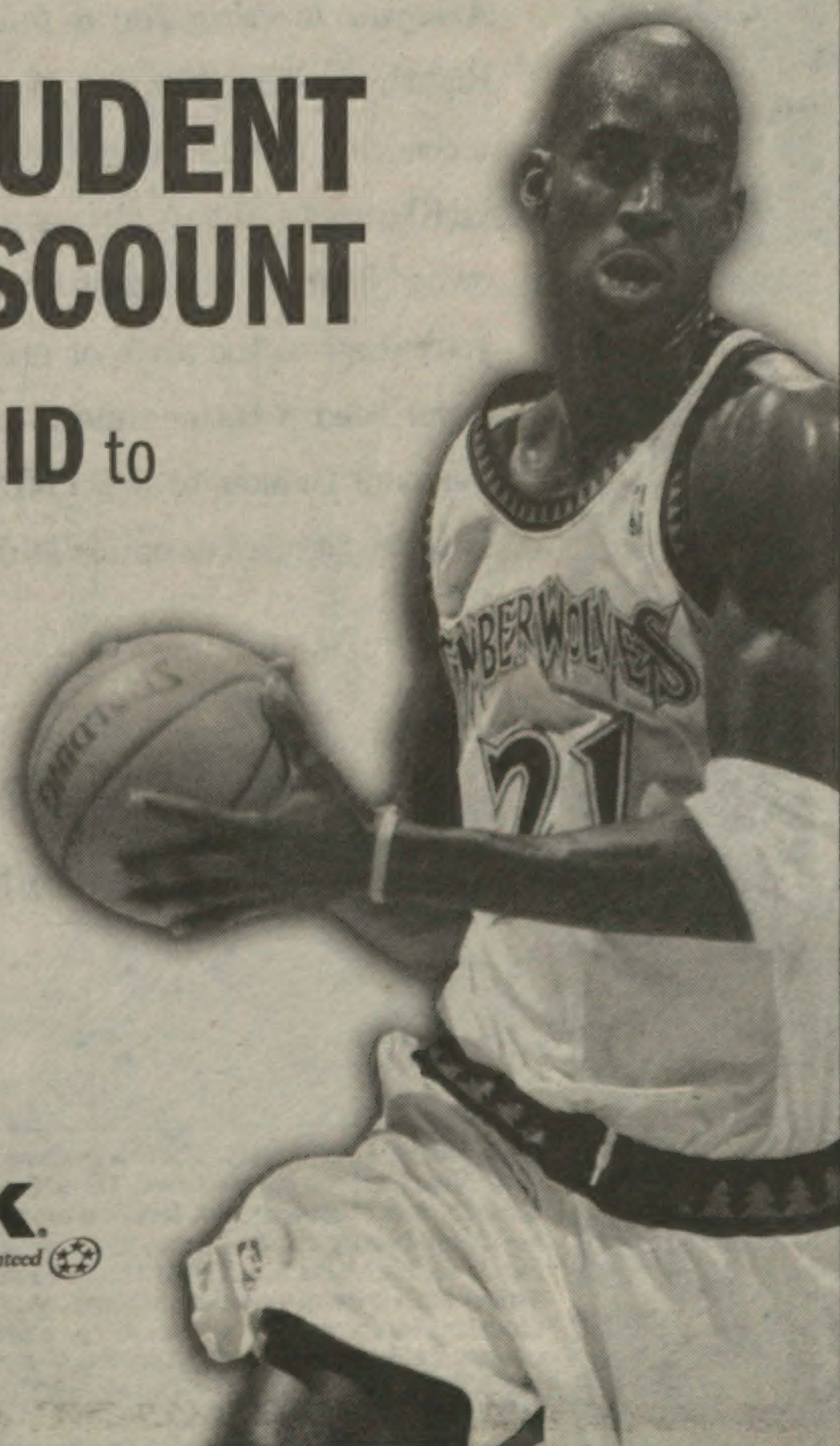
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A friend of mine once told me that being gay was "in." It's cool and is becoming a staple in today's pop culture. His statement made me rather upset. Has being gay become an accessory of sorts? Maybe not, but I have a feeling that many people on the outside assume so.

We need to show the UNO community that being gay is more than just a label. It doesn't mean we like to shop, apply makeup or wear man bags. It's who I am, and it just may be who you are. It's a lifestyle worthy of the same rights and privileges as any other. We need to take a stance and show people that we are a serious and influential group on campus.

I encourage all of you to attend the National Coming Out Day Rally on Oct. 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Lounge in the Milo Bail Student Center. I'm not telling you to take the big step out of the closet, but at least come and hear what other UNO students, including myself, have to say about their experiences. If you're not gay, come and show your support. If I have learned anything from my own coming out experiences, it's that support from your friends, peers and family is key to becoming comfortable in your own skin.

I came out of the closet and have no regrets. Let's show this campus not only that being gay is okay, but also that being gay is a way of life and a life that many UNO students live.

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"Greek bias" is only half the story

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

Politics is an unfortunate consequence of making people try to cooperate.

Sometimes the political theater is limited to the choice of what restaurant to visit or which friends to list in your "Top 8" on MySpace.com. In other cases, politics runs so rampant that it stymies the organization involved in it.

Perhaps this explains why Socrates never involved himself in the Athenian Assembly.

Of course the same inhibition cannot be ascribed members of UNO's Student Senate. I can think of quite a few greeks who leapt at the opportunity to serve there.

In fact, after attending a few meetings, a fraternity or sorority membership seems commonplace in the Student Senate legislative chamber.

This shouldn't shock anyone, since the sort of people who might be involved in student leadership positions are often involved in several organizations, including social ones.

Or maybe some of the senators just feel it's important to buy their friends. Personally, I never even considered rushing, so I don't know for sure.

What I do know, though, is that in recent student government campaign rhetoric, the term "Greek bias" has come up a few times. The idea seems to confuse more people than it enlightens, and that's because "bias" isn't the right word.

I think a more accurate description is that student government suffers from the natural evolution of kindergarten's ever-trustworthy buddy system: an old boy network.

This shouldn't be surprising. In fact, it's the overt purpose of a fraternal organization. The word "fraternity" comes from the Latin for "brother," and the purpose of fraternal organizations is to provide an extended family.

The family metaphor leads naturally to the word "nepotism,"

which is derived from the Italian for "nephew" and refers to the practice of giving offices to family members. Family members are supposed to be loyal to one another, so you can depend on them. I think this is one of those "family values" people always talk about.

In the end, though, I think all of this really goes back to very concept of a political party.

George Washington warned us of political parties when he left office, and for all the deference shown to the so-called founding fathers, that warning has never been heeded.

Party politics is only a step away from machine politics: the sort of despicable deformity that disfigures democracy. Within a political machine, votes are reduced to a commodity that can be harvested; elections to a game of sport, not a contest to determine who is the most fit candidate. After all, how many sporting events are won on pure athletic merit compared to those won by officiating errors, strategy, or other advantages?

I think Mark Twain put it brilliantly in his essay "The Character of Man." Because I cannot improve upon this caustic analysis, I will offer this snippet:

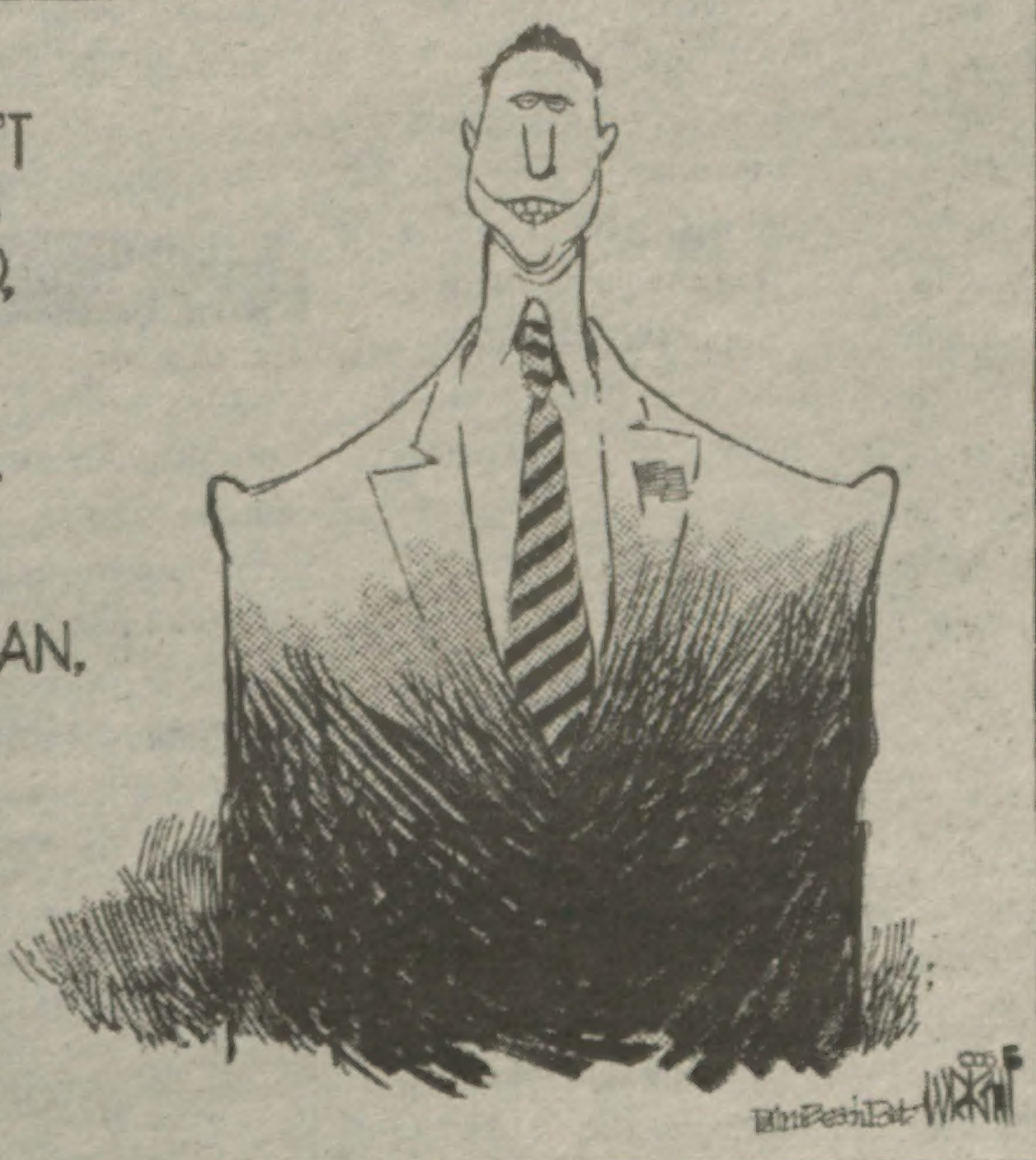
"Look at the tyranny of party—at what is called party allegiance, party loyalty—a snare invented by designing men for selfish purposes—and which turns voters into chattels, slaves, rabbits, and all the while their masters, and they themselves are shouting rubbish about liberty, independence, freedom of opinion, freedom of speech, honestly unconscious of the fantastic contradiction; and forgetting or ignoring that their fathers and the churches shouted the same blasphemies a generation earlier when they were closing their doors against the hunted slave, beating his handful of humane defenders with Bible texts and billies, and pocketing the insults and licking the shoes of his Southern master."

Student government is developing this sort of machine politics, and that's why some of us are concerned about the so-called "greek bias" accusations.

We don't want to see uninvolved, inexperienced leaders on our campus, and the greek community certainly has more than its fair share of emerging leaders.

But we don't want to see any further corrosion of the pitiful amount of democratic representation left on this campus simply because a few students want to add another line to their resumes.

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